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AN ATLAS OF HEAD AND NECK SURGERY—John M. Lore, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.S., Attending Surgeon, Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern, New York; Associate Attending Surgeon, Head and Neck Service, Department of Surgery, Saint Clare's Hospital, New York, N. Y.; Consultant Surgeon, Tuxedo Memorial Hospital, Tuxedo, N. Y. Illustrated by Robert Wabnitz, Director of Medical Illustration, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, N. Y. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, Pa., 1962. 490 pages, \$25.00.

This atlas of head and neck surgery has three features which will be of interest and concern to those seeking a good book on head and neck surgery. These features are:

1. A general surgical rather than a specialty approach to the problems of head and neck surgery.
2. A new format in medical books consisting of illustrations on one page and brief descriptive comments on the illustrations step by step on the opposite page. These two pages face each other so that one need not turn the page to get the complete message from the excellent illustrations.
3. The cost of \$25.00 for a book of regional surgical scope.

The concept of approaching head and neck surgery from a general rather than a specialty standpoint has resulted in a book which bridges the barriers between specialties. Indeed, plastic surgery, general surgery, neurosurgery and traumatic surgery of the head and neck are reasonably well presented in their major attributes. The book concludes a sectional radiographic anatomy, a chapter on general operative procedures, and then proceeds to cover topics of the sinuses, nose, fractures of the facial bones, face, eyelids, ears, lips, parotid and salivary tumors, neck, thyroid and parathyroid, larynx, esophagus and even vascular surgery of the head and neck of superior mediastinum. There is no theoretical discussion offered in the text, no interpretation of current practices and methods. There is merely a recounting of the good procedures that the author has found most useful in each of these areas in his extensive experience.

The format of the book is beautiful and unique, with all the illustrations being done by one artist and being presented in a uniform style. On the side opposite the excellent illustrations the technical steps and high points of the operative procedure are detailed step by step, and each step corresponds numerically to an illustration on the opposite page which depicts the operative procedure as it progresses. This makes the visual presentation of material excellent, straightforward and practical. There is minimal discussion. The illustrations are beautiful and done on superb quality paper. The cost of \$25.00 seems at first startling, but if one recognizes the beauty of illustrations and the quality of paper on which they are presented the cost dwindles in significance.

The author is to be commended on excellent illustrative work of the major aspects of head and neck surgery, and

for bridging the barriers between the various specialties of general, plastic, otorhinological and vascular surgery and problems of the head and neck. The book can be recommended as an excellent reference book for surgical techniques in head and neck surgery.

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INTERNAL MEDICINE IN WORLD WAR II—Volume I, Activities of Medical Consultants (Medical Department, United States Army)—Prepared and published under the direction of Lieutenant General Leonard D. Heaton, The Surgeon General, United States Army, Colonel John Boyd Coates, Jr., MC, Editor in Chief, and W. Paul Havens, Jr., M.D., Editor for Internal Medicine. Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C., 1961. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Price \$7.50 (Buckram). 880 pages.

To many of us the work of the consultants in World War II was probably the most important single factor in the maintenance of a high standard of medical practice throughout the army. This book gives an informative and frank account of the work of the consultants in Medicine both in the service commands and in the theaters of operation during this period. The various authors, consultants all, do not hesitate to criticize both the Army at large and the Army Medical Corps, when criticism is indicated, and at the same time, point out the shortcomings of many civilian doctors in their army duties. It was particularly pleased to find universal condemnation of those chiefs of service who confined themselves to paper work instead of getting out on the wards and practicing medicine.

I recommend this volume as entertaining and nostalgic reading for all who served in the Army Medical Corps and as a source of valuable information for those interested in the proper functioning of doctors in the U. S. Army.

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VECTOR ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY—Herman N. Uhley, M.D., Assistant Chief, Department of Medicine, Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center, San Francisco, California. J. B. Lippincott Company, East Washington Square, Philadelphia 5, Pa., 1962. 339 pages, \$8.50.

This textbook demonstrates admirably the derivation of the vectorcardiogram from the electrocardiogram and vice versa. The fundamentals of the formation of the common patterns encountered in electrocardiography are illustrated in the form of "live" movies. Each frame is explained in simple straightforward fashion so that the reader can formulate a conceptual basis as each pattern unfolds. The only criticism of the book is the small size of the sketches.

In summary, this book will serve as a highly recommended introductory text for those beginning vectorcardiography and for those who would like a unique way of teaching vectorcardiography and electrocardiography.

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